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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 19721

DEPT POUCH USLO PEKING

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, FR, CB

SUBJECT: DELAYED DEPARTURE OF NEW FRENCH CHARGE FOR PHNOM PENH

REF: PARIS 75254#

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM RELIABLE FRENCH SOURCE THAT LOUIS HENRI DEBLE, WHO HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO DEPART LAST WEEK FOR PHNOM PENH TO BE COUNSELLOR AND CHARGE (REFTEL), SUDDENLY WAS INSTRUCTED BY THE QUAI TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS. APPARENTLY HIS HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND UNACCOMPANIED AIR FREIGHT HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO PHNOM PENH. DEBLE IS NOW TAKING INDEFINITE LEAVE IN FRANCE.

2. DECISION WAS APPRENTLY MADE QUITE SUDDENLY AND, ACCORDING TO REPORTS, WAS THE RESULT OF A GOF VIEW THAT THERE MAY SOON BE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN CAMBODIA, AND IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO MAKE NO CHANGE UNTIL AFTER THEY TAKE PLACE.

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3. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT DELAY IN DEBLE

DEPARTURE REFLECTS ANY GOF INTENTION TO UPGRADE
RELATIONS WITH FUNK/GRUNK, BUT IT IS PERHAPS SIGNIFICANT
THAT FRENCH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE WAS REPORTED TO BE
AT AIRPORT WHEN SIHANOUK RETURNED TO PEKING JULY 5
(AP REPORT FROM PEKING). GDS
IRWIN

NOTE BY OC/T: # AS RECEIVED, WILL BE SERVICED UPON REQUEST.
POUCHED USLO PEKING.

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